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1. THIS TELEGRAM SUMMARIZES THE PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSIONS OF THE PLANS AND BLUEPRINTS OF THE PROPOSED NEW EMBASSY COMPLEX IN MOSCOW.

2. THE PROJECT DRAWINGS AND RENDERINGS RECEIVED A WARM AND ENTHUSIASTIC RECEPTION FROM SOVIET ARCHITECTS, ENGINEERS AND VARIOUS UPDK OFFICIALS. THE SOVIETS WERE CLEARLY IMPRESSED WITH THE HIGH-QUALITY WORK AND CAREFUL ATTENTION GIVEN TO DETAIL BY FBO AND THE U.S. ARCHITECTS. CONSIDERABLE INTEREST AND APPRECIATION WAS GENERATED BY A SLIDE SHOWING OF VARIOUS PERSPECTIVES OF THE NEW PROJECT AT A RECEPTION HELD AT THE EMBASSY AND ATTENDED BY AMBASSADOR STOESSEL.

3. THE SOVIETS REPEATEDLY STRESSED THE IMPORTANCE OF OBTAINING RUSSIAN TRANSLATIONS AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE. THEY WERE ASSURED THAT WE WOULD PROVIDE THEM IN TWO MONTHS TIME (SEE REFTELS). THE EMBASSY STRONGLY URGES THE DEPARTMENT TO MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO OBTAIN THESE TRANSALTIONS FROM THE ARCHITECTS PROMPTLY. THE SOVIETS ALSO UNDERLINED SEVERAL TIMES THEIR DESIRE TO BEGIN CONSTRUCTION AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

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4. ON APRIL 30 FBO ARCHITECT HELLMANN SIGNED PROTOCOL

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OUTLINING THE COURSE OF THE WEEK'S DISCUSSIONS. DURING THE PROTOCOL SIGNING SESSION ATTENDED BY DEPTUY DIRECTOR M.D. VORONIN, THE SOVIETS ASKED FOR BROCHURES AND PAMPHLETS ON MATERIALS AND ITEMS CONTAINED IN THE LIST THAT THE US PROPOSES TO IMPORT. THE EMBASSY BELIEVES THESE SHOULD BE PROVIDED PROMPTLY. AFTER PROTOCOL WAS SIGNED UPDK CHIEF KUZNETSOV STOPPED IN TO MEET HELLMANN AND TO GIVE FAREWELL TOAST CAPPING VISIT.

5. HELLMANN IS CARRYING BACK THE ENGLISH VERSION OF THE PROTOCOL FOR THE FBO. THE EMBASSY IS AIR POUCHING COPIES TO EUR/SOV AND EUR/EX.

6. IN SUM THE DISCUSSIONS THIS WEEK CAN BE DESCRIBED AS USEFUL AND FRIENDLY WITH THE SOVIETS EXHIBITING A COOPERATIVE ATTITUDE.
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